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ARGENTINA: PRESIDENT PERON HAS NON A SIGNIFICANT, ALTHOUGH PROBABLY SHORT-LIVED, VICTORY IN HER CONTINUING CONFLICT WITH LABOR. THE LABOR LEADERS PLEDGED TO RESPECT THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY, TEMPORARILY DENYING THE LEADERS OF THE PERONIST LABOR CONFEDERATION THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THEIR THREAT TO SEND THEIR FOLLOWERS INTO THE STREETS FOR A FINAL SHOWDOWN.

THE PRESIDENT'S UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG POSITION HAS CAUGHT THE LABOR LEADERS OFF GUARD. THEY HAD APPARENTLY ASSUMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD YIELD EASILY. BUT THE ADMINISTRATION'S PERSUASIVE ECONOMIC RATIONALE FOR OVERTURNING RECENTLY NEGOTIATED HASSIVE PAY HIKES HAS CONSIDERABLY LESSENED THEIR ABILITY TO ACT.4

AT THE DIRECTION OF CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER LOPEZ REGATHE
GOVERNMENT SOUGHT FIRST TO UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE LABOR
LEADERS AND HOW SEEKS TO DIVIDE THE WHOLE LABOR HOVEHENT. THE
ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED LAST WEEK'S WAGE HIKES ONLY AFTER HANY. BUT
BY NO HEARS ALL. OF THE IMPORTANT UNIONS HAD SECURED HEW WAGE CONTRACTS.
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AGAIN TO THE HORKERS THEIR LEADERS' INABILITY TO DELIVER.4

AGAINST THIS SETTING. THE PERON ADMINISTRATION HAS COME FORTH WITH A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MAGES BY & PERCENT. IN INSTALLMENTS. THIS WILL PROBABLY APPEAL TO THOSE MORKERS NOT YET UNDER CONTRACT. BUT IT IS ANGERING THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED INCREASES OF BOD PERCENT OR MORE. THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED A DOUBLING OF CERTAIN BENEFITS THAT APPLY PRIMARILY TO MORKERS AT THE LOWEST END OF THE WAGE SCALE.

BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND ECONOMY MINISTER RODRIGO. A PROTEGE OF LOPEZ REGA. HAVE MADE TOUGH. WELL THOUGHT OUT SPEECHES CATALOGUING THE NATION'S MANY ECONOMIC SILLS. POINTING OUT THAT AUSTERITY IS IN ORDER AND THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION—THE CONSTITUTIONAL HEIR TO THE MAGICAL PERON LEGACY—IS UNIQUELY BUALIFIED TO DELIVER IT. THE STRESS ON LEGITIMACY IS DESIGNED TO DISCOURAGE HILITARY INTERVENTION; INDEED. HOST OFFICERS ARE KNOWN TO FAVOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

IN A RELATED MOVE, LOPEZ REGA HAS TAKEN ANOTHER STEP TOWARD BUILDING GREATER CONTROL OVER THE NATION'S SECURITY APPARATUS. LAST

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WEEK. THE GOVERNMENT CREATED A NEW POST WITHIN THE INTERIOR MINESTRY—THAT OF UNDERSECRETARY FOR DOMESTIC SECURITY—AND FILLED IT WITH A FORMER FEDERAL POLICE OFFICIAL. THE NEW OFFICIAL WILL COORDINAVE ALL GOVERNMENT ANTI-SUBVERSIVE EFFORTS. THE APPOINTMENT CAME BEFORE THE CURRENT CRISIS AND COULD HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO GIVE THE GEVERNMENT AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF DEALING WITH POTENTIAL LABOR VIOLENCE. GIVEN THE MILITARY'S UNWILLINGNESS TO INTERVENT AGAINST WORKERS AND ON THE SIDE OF LOPEZ REGA.4

IF THE GOVERNMENT WINE ITS CONTEST WITH LABOR. THE MAIN VICTOR WILL BE LOPEZ REGAT HIS MASTERY OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION WILL THEN BE VIRTUALLY COMPLETE. A FRAGMENTED, LEABERLESS LABOR MOVEMENT COULD PROVE MORE DANGEROUS IN THE LONG RUN, HOWEVER, THEN THE RECALCITRANT, BUT STILL RELATIVELY DISCIPLINED, FORCE THAY NOW EXISTS. {COMFIDENTIAL} E-2 IMPDET. A

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| | 3. NORTH KOREA - CHINA: THE NORTH KOREANS AND CHI | NESE ARE |
| | CONTINUING TO PROFESS THAT PYONGYANG HAS NO INTENTION OF | UZING |
| | FORCE TO REUNIFY THE COUNTRY. IN SPEECHES AND COMMENTARY | MARKING |
| | THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR LAST WEEK, VARIOU | IS NORTH |
| | KOREAN SPOKESMEN SAID FLATLY THAT TALK ABOUT NORTHERN | |
| | INVASION PLANS WAS "RIDICULOUS." //IN ADDITION, FOREIGN | |
| | MINISTER HO TAM RECENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED | 25X1C |
| С | THAT REUNIFICATION WAS NO | T |
| | AN EARLY PROSPECT AND THAT A NEW KOREAN WAR WAS NOT LIKE | LY.//Ÿ |
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| | FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA PLAYED DOWN KIM IL-SONG. | TIZIV 2 |
| | TO PEKING IN APRIL BY CLAIMING THAT IT HAD BEEN PLANNED | |
| | IN ADVANCE AND ONLY FORTUITOUSLY COINCIDED WITH THE COLL | |
| | of INDOCHINA. CHIAO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT NORTH KORE | |
| | WOULD NOT ATTACK THE SOUTH.// CHINESE OFFICIALS IN EUROP | |
| | AT THE UN AND ELSEWHERE HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT | |
| | ALTHOUGH REUNIFICATION OF KOREA IS A MATTER FOR THE KORE | ΔN |
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PEOPLE TO DECIDE, PEKING URGED A MODERATE COURSE DURING KIM'S

RECENT VISIT. MOREOVER, CHINESE PROPAGANDA HAS CONTINUED

TO STRESS B"PEACEFULB" REÚNIFICATION, A LINE PEKING HAS

HIGHLIGHTED SINCE THE KIM VISIT. 4

NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA CONTINUES TO PLAY SOME MILITANT
THEMES, BUT WITH LESS PROMINENCE SINCE KIM'S FOREIGN TRIP LAST
MONTH. THE STATEMENT FIRST INTRODUCED BY KIM IL-SONG IN
PEKING—THAT THE NORTH WOULD NOT STAND IDLY BY IN THE EVENT
OF AN UPRISING IN SOUTH KOREA—STILL APPEARS, // AS DO WARNINGS
THAT THE NORTH WILL MEET ANY AGGRESSION FROM THE US AND SEOUL
WITH VIGOROUS REVOLUTIONARY WAR. // BUT PYONGYANG ALMOST CERTAINLY
RECOGNIZES THAT KIM.S THREATENING TONE AT THE OUTSET OF
HIS VISIT TO PEKING BACKFIRED, INSOFAR AS IT ENCOURAGED A
CLOSING OF RANKS IN SOUTH KOREA—QUIETING PRESIDENT PAK'S
POLITICAL OPPOSITION—//AND PROMPTED STRONG EXPRESSIONS OF
SUPPORT FOR SEOUL BY HIGH US OFFICIALS. // THE CURRENT STRESS ON
PEACEFUL INTENTIONS IS PROBABLY ALSO AIMED AT INCREASING
DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA AT THE LIMA CONFERENCE OF

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2. //BURMA: GOVERNMENT FORCES CLAIM TO HAVE KILLED SOME
120 COMMUNIST INSURGENTS DURING AN OPERATION IN NORTHERN SHAN STATE
11LAST WEEK. THE GOVERNMENT ADMITS THAT 32 OF ITS OWN SOLDIERS DIED
IN THE FIGHTING. 12//4

//THE MOPERATION WAS AGAINST COMMUNIST FORCES THAT HAD CROSSED
THE SALWEN RIVER AND WERE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A FOOTHOLD
WEST OF THEIR NORMAL OPERATING AREA. THE GOVERNMENT SUCCESS
FOLLOWS VICTORIES EARLIER THIS YEAR OVER COMMUNIST UNITS TO THE
SOUTHEAST, NEAR KENGTUNG.//Y

//BURMESE OFFICIALS APPARENTLY WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE
LACK OF RESPONSE FROM PEKING TO THE SETBACKS SUFFERED BY THE
BURMESE COMMUNISTS. AS A RESULT, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS A MAJOR
EFFORT AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS DESPITE "HE CURRENT RAINY
SEASON, WHICH USUALLY SLOWS THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING. ALTHOUGH
THE BURMESE ARMY CURRENTLY HOLDS THE UPPER HAND, IT LACKS
THE CAPABILITY TO WIPE OUT THE COMMUNISTS COMPLETELY. {SECRET}//
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1. TURKEY: TURKISH OPPOSITION LEADER BULENT ECEVIT USED BA
PARTY RALLY IN ISTANBUL LÁST SATURDAY TO LAUNCH HIS MOST BLISTERING ATTACK SO FAR ON THE BGOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER BURNEBBURNS
DEMIREL.Y

SPEAKING MBEFORE A CROWD OF 50-000 ECEVIT ACCUSED THE NATIONALIST FRONT GOVERNMENT OF TRYING TO DESTROY TURKISH DE-MOCRACY AT HOME//AND OF BOWING TO US PRESSURES ON CYPRUS AND ON THE ARMS EMBARGO.// HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT COULD EXPECT NO COOPERATION FROM THE OPPOSITION AS LONG AS IT EXPLOITED SECTORIAN DIFFERENCES AND OTHER DOMESTIC DIMFFICULTIES.Y

ECEVIT CHARGED THAT DEMIREL HAD FAILED TO:Y

- --EXPLOIT TURKEY'S STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC IMPORTANCE TO FORCE
 AN END TO THE ABRMS EMBARGO. HE HAD INSTEAD "BLUFFED
 AND THREATENED" AND TAKEN NO REALLY DECISIVE ACTION.Y
- --OUTLINE THE KIND OF SOLUTION HE ENVISAGES FOR CYPBRUS,
 AND AS A RESULT TURKEY WAS ISHOLATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
 COMMUNITY. TURKEY SHOULD AIM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN

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INDEPENDENT "NONALIGNED" CYPORUS, FREE OF BOTH TURKISH

AND GREEK ARMED FORCES.Y

--ARTICMULATE TURKISH RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN, LEAVING TURKEY
VULNERABLE TO GREEK DEMANDS.Y

ECEVIT HAS NOW CLEARLY THROWN DOWN THE GAUNTLET TO DEMIREL ON THE KEY ISSUES OF CYPRUS, THE AEGEAN, AND THE ARMS EMBARGO. THE TRUCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT BAND THE OPPOSITION ON THESE ISSUES, WHICH HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY UNEASY, HAS NOW ENDED. BOTH SIDES BHAVE THEIR EYES ON SENATORIAL ELECTIONS THIS FALL AND POSSIBLY EARBLY GENERAL ELECTIONS.Y

ECEVIT'S CHARGES AND THE ANGRY RESPONSES THEY HAVE ENDIGENDERED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PROMISE TO THROW MORE HEAT THAN
LIGHT ON THE NATIONAL DEBATE ON THESE VITAL ISSUES. //THE
INCREASINGLY PARTISAN DEBATE WILL ALSO LIMIT DEMIREL'S FLEXIBILITY IN REACTING TO US MOVES ON THE ARMS EMBARGO AND OTHERSIBLES
ISSUES. HE CANNOT AFFORD TO APPEAR LESS DETERMINED THAN ECEVIT
IN DEFENDENDING TURKEY'S INTERESTS.//Y

MEANWHILE, THE VIHOLENCE BETWEEN OPPOSING STUDENT GROUPS

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AND POLITICAL PARTIES, WHICH HAS PLAGUED TURKEY OF LATE, WAS

ABSENT AT ECEVIT'S RALLY, LEARGHEELY BECAUSE OF INCREASED SECURITY

MEASURES. {CONFIDENTIAL}}

2. YUGOSLAVIA: EDVARD KARDELJ, YUGOSLAVIA'S TOP THEORETICIAN,
HAS COMPLETED VISITS TO HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IS
CURRENTLY IN ROMANIA FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE MORE CONSULTATIONS
ON THE NEXT STAGE OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST
CONFERENCE. 4

KARDELJ HAS TALKED WITH THE TOP PARTY LEADERS OF EACH
COUNTRY ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS. INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF
THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. HE HAS PROBABLY REITERATED BELGRADE'S
INSISTENCE THAT THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE ABSTAIN FROM
CRITICISM OF INDIVIDUAL PARTIES AND AVOID PROGRAMMATIC STATEMENTS
THAT WOULD BIND THE PARTIES TO A GIVEN COURSE OF ACTION. HE HE
WORKING GROUP THAT IS DRAFTING THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS WAS TO
RECONVENE ON TUESDAY IN EAST BERLIN. I (CONFIDDENTIAL) E-2
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1. INDIA: PRIME MINISTER GANDHI PROMISED SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TUESDAY NIGHT WHEN SHE OUTLINED NEW ECONOMIC PROGRAMS—RELIEF FOR THE POOR, STRONG STEPS AGAINST THE WEALTHY, AND AUSTERITY AND HARD WORK FOR ALL.Y

GANDHI FOCUSED ON RELIEF EFFORTS, HOPING NO DOUBT TO BUY POLITICAL SUPPORT. SHE PROMISED:

- --MORE ACTION AGAINST INFLATION, INCLUDING CREDIT CONTROLS AND CURBS ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING; Y
 - --VIGOROUS IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND REFORM LAWS; Y
 - -- ABOLITION OF INDENTURED AGRICULTURAL LABOR; Y
 - --LIQUIDATION OF FARMERS' INDEBTEDNESS TO MONEYLENDERS; 4
 - -- PROVISION OF BETTER QUALITY CLOTH OF CONTROLLED PRICES; 4
 - -- MORE GRAIN AT CONTROLLED PRICES.Y

HIRS. GANDHI DID NOT SAY THESE PROGRAMS AIMED AT SUBSIDIZING CONSUMPTION WOULD MESH WITH GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO LIMIT SPENDING. HER PLANS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION ARE NOT IMPRESSIVE.

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THEY INVOLVE PLANS TO EXPAND IRRIGATION AND SUPPLIES OF

ELECTRICAL POWER AND TO SIMPLIFY INVESTMENT LICENSING PROCEDURES

AS A SOP TO PRIVATE INDUSTRY. Y

GANDHI'S ECONOMIC POLICIES ARE TYPICALLY LONG ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND SHORT ON WHEREWITHAL TO ACCELERATE THE SLOW-GROWING INDIAN ECONOMY. INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS THE KEY TO INDIAN GROWTH, BUT THE PRIME MINISTER OFFERED NO NEW PROGRAMS AIMED AT INCREASING FOOD SUPPLIES. INDEED, IF SHE WERE VIGOROUSLY TO PURSUE LAND REFORM AND AN END TO GRAIN HOARDING, SHE MIGHT REDUCE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

INDIA WAS GENERALLY CALM MONNEADEM. BUT TROUBLE IS

BREWING FOR GANDHI IN SOUTHERN INDIA, PARTICULARLY IN

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU, WHICH IS RULED BY AN OPPOSITION

PARTY. THE CHIEF MINISTER, A STATES' RIGHTS ADVOCATE AND

FOE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, REFUSES TO ENFORCE PRESS

CENSORSHIP OR TO ARREST PROTESTERS. IN NEIGHBORING KERALA

STATE, THE LEADING OPPOSITION PARTY. THE MARXIST COMMUNISTS.

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IS OPENLY CRITICAL OF GANDHI'S EMERGENCY MOVES. 4

MRS. GAMDHI, MEANWHILE, IN A SPEECH TUESDAY TO
RULING CONGRESS PARTY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, CONTINUED TO
JUSTIFY THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ON THE GROUNDS THAT UNDERGROUND
ORGANIZATIONS ARE PLANNING WIDESPREAD SABOTAGE IN THE COUNTRY.
HER REMARKS PRESAGED A NEW ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE GOVERNMENT
WITH EVEN MORE LATITUDE FOR ARRESTING AND JAILING DISSENTERS.4

//GANDHI AFFIRMED INDIA'S INTEREST IN IMPROVING
RELATIONS WITH THE US AND SAID SHE HOPED PRESIDENT FORD WOULD
VISIT INDIA THIS YEAR-// {CONFIDENTIAL}YB

2. LEBANON: DMEPRIME MINISTER RASHID KARAMI AND PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN YASIR ARAFAT AGREED TUESDAY NIGHT
TO ENFORCE AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE IN LEBANON. ALL MAJOR LEBANESE
AND PALESTINIAN POLITICAL LEADERS HAD ENDORSED A CEASE-FIRE AFTER
THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS FORMALLY INSTALLED EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. BUT
THEIR ACTION WAS WIDELY DISREGARDED. AND HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED
IN MOST AREAS OF BEIRUT.

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THE TWO MET WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM, SENIOR

LEBANESE ARMY OFFICERS, AND FEDAYEEN LEADERS TO DISCUSS RELATIONS

BETWEEN LEBANON AND THE PALESTINIANS. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES

THAT THE SECURITY FORCES WILL:

- --MOVE INTO ALL AREAS OF THE CITY; Y
- -- ARREST SNIPERS AND KIDNAPERS: 4
- -- EXERCISE RESTRAINT "EVEN WHEN FIRED UPON; "
- -- CLEAR THE STREETS OF BARRICADES AND ARMS.4

SYRIANS SUGGESTS THAT THE MAIN PALESTINIAN UNITS WILL STAY ON THE SIDELINES AS THE SECURITY SERVICES ATTEMPT TO STAMP OUT THE CONTINUING HEAVY FIGHTING BY RADICAL LEFTISTS, SMALL FEDAYEEN GROUPS, AND CHRISTIANS. IF THE LARGE FEDAYEEN GROUPS WERE TO AB'NDON THIS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND COME TO THE AID OF THE RADICALS, CIVIL WAR WOULD BE CERTAIN.

THE FIGHTING MONDAY NIGHT WAS VERY HEAVY: THE US EMBASSY

ESTIMATES THAT AS MANY AS LOO PERSONS MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED.//

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TONE, ALTHOUGH ON JUNE 3D A BOMB DID EXPLODE IN THE BUILDING

IN WHICH THE US EMBASSY'S MARINE SECURITY GUARDS LIVE.// THE

CONTINUED INTENSE FIRING 'PROBABLY IS PART OF A LAST-DITCH

EFFORT BY LEBANESE LEFTISTS AND FEDAYEEN RADICALS TO DRAW THE

LEBANESE ARMY INTO THE FRAY. GEORGE HABBASH, THE LIBYAN-SUPPORTED

HEAD OF THE MARXIST-ORIENTED POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION

OF PALESTINE, REPORTEDLY IS LEADING THIS ATTEMPT. THE ATTEMPT

COULD SUCCEED.Y

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM BEIRUT, KARAMI AND PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH MAY BE CONSIDERING A FURTHER POLITICAL AGREEMENT TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN CASE THE CEASE-FIRE DOES NOT TAKE HOLD. THE AGREEMENT WOULD BOTH: 4

- --REPLACE THE CURRENT COMMANDER OF THE ARMY, AS DESIRED BY
 - --ENGAGE THE ARMY IN EFFORTS TO RESTORE ORDER, A MOVE THAT RIGHT-WING CHRISTIANS HAVE LOTING ADVOCATED. Y

ACTIVELY BACKED BY ARAFAT AND THE SYRIAMS, KARAMI IS IN A STRONGER POSITION THAN MOST OF HIS PREDECESSORS TO OVERCOME

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TO PROTECT THE MUSLIM AND PALESTINIAN COMMUNITIES AGAINST POSSIBLE ARMY EXCESSES.Y

KARAMI'S ASSUMPTION OF THE DEFENSE PORTFOLIO IS UNUSUAL. IN RECENT YEARS THAT POST HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN TO SUNNI MUSLIMS. BUT HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN OR DRUZE COMMUNITIES. KARAMI APPARENTLY DEMANDED THE PORTFOLIO IN RETURN FOR ALLOWING FORMER PRESIDENT CAMILLE SHAMUN, A NON-PHALANGIST CHRISTIAN, TO BECOME INTERIOR MINISTER. THE INTERIOR MINISTER, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AND LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS, IS ORDINARILY A POWERFUL FIGURE IN LEBANON. GIVEN KARAMI'S CLOSE TIES TO THE FEDAYEEN, HOWEVER, SHAMUN MAY FIND HIMSELF UPSTAGED, 4

LEADERS OF THE PHALANGES AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTIES. WHICH HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE CABINET, HAVE SO FAR OFFERED NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE. HOWEVER, THAT PHALANGIST LEADER PIERRE JUMAYYIL HAS PROMISED

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SHAMUN THAT HIS FOLLOWERS WILL RESPECT THE CEASE-FIRE. SOCIALIST LEADER KAMAL JUMBLATT SIGNALED HIS DISPLEASURE WITH THE NEW CABINET BY DEPARTING BEIRUT FOR CAIRO JUST BEFORE THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS ANNOUNCED.Y

THE NEW CABINET IS LIKELY TO REMAIN AT ITS PRESENT SIZE FOR
TWO OR THREE MONTHS, AT MOST. THE ONLY CABINET FORMED WITHOUT THE
PHALANGISTS AND THE SOCIALISTS IN RECENT YEARS—THAT OF JUNE 1972—
LASTED LESS THAN A MONTH. {CONFIDENTIAL}Y

3.//ISRAEL: MMODERATE MEMBERS OF PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S RULING
COALITION ARE URGING HIM TO CONSIDER MAKING FURTHER
CONCESSIONS TO EGYPT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ISRAEL'S CLOSE
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST
RESPECTED COMMENTATORS UROTE ON TUESDAY THAT SOURCES CLOSE
TO RABIN CLAIM HE IS FACING STRONGER PRESSURE FOR
CONCESSIONS FROM WITHIN HIS COALITION THAN FROM WASHINGTON.//Y

//THE MODERATES' DRIVE IS SPEARHEADED BY THE LEFTIST
MAPAM PARTY, SUPPORTED BY THE SMALL INDEPENDENT LIBERAL
PARTY, AND SOME LEADING MEMBERS OF RABIN'S LABOR PARTY.

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THE LATTER REPORTEDLY INCLUDE FORLIGN MINISTER ALLON AND YITZHAK MAVON, CHAIRMAN OF THE KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE, AND A MEMBER OF THE LABOR PARTY'S CONSERVATIVE RAFI FACTION HEADED BY DEFENSE MINISTER PERES AND HIS PREDECESSOR MOSHE DAYAN.//

RABIN ON THE NEGOTIATIONS TWO DAYS AGO, THAT IN HIS OPINION ISRAEL'S SECURITY IS MORE DEPENDENT ON CLOSE TIES TO THE US THAN ON A "SINGLE MOUNTAIN TOP OR ONE SINGLE PLACE." ISRAEL, HE POINTEDLY REMARKED, WON WARS IN 1948, 1956, AND 1967 WITHOUT HAVING POSSESSED THE GIDI AND MITLA PASSES IN THE SINAI AND WAS UNABLE TO PREVENT A WAR IN 1979 WHEN IT DID. NAVON SEEMED TO BE ECHOING A MAJOR ARGUMENT USED BY THE MODERATES TO BUTTRESS THEIR CASE.//4

//SOME PRESS REPORTS SUGGEST THAT ISRAELI ADVOCATES OF GREATER FLEXIBILITY ARE ARGUING THAT TEL AVIV SHOULD BE GUIDED BY WHAT IT CAN GET FROM THE US—NOT EGYPT—IN RETURN FOR GIVING UP THE PASSES COMPLETELY. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES BEING DISCUSSED INCLUDE: 19//4

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//--A TUO-YEAR US ECONOMIC AID COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL WORTH

//--MILITARY AID TO, MEET THE MAJOR PART OF ISRAEL'S REQUESTS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS://Y

//--A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE US ADMINISTRATION TO CONDIGRESS
THAT THE US WOULD SUPPORT TEL AVIV'S REACTION TO ANY EGYPTIAN
VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT.//

GET A BETTER READING OF JUST HOW FAR WASHINGTON AND CAIRO

ARE PREPARED TO GO TO MEET ISRAELI DENANDS IN ORDER TO

PREVENT ANOTHER BREAKDOWN OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. AN ARTICLE

FOR INSTANCE, BY A COMMENTATOR CLOSE TO PERES SUGGESTS THAT CONSERVATIVES IN THE CABINET ARE ARGUING THAT THERE MAY BE AN ELEMENT OF

BLUFF IN THE US POSITION WHICH COULD BE SMOKED OUT BY TEL AVIV'S

DEMAND FOR FURTHER B"CLARIFICATIONSS" OF THE EGYPTIAN POSITION.

THE COMMENTATOR CLAIMS TEL AVIV THINKS WASHINGTON AND CAIRO ARE

EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO MAKE PROGRESS BEFORE SECRETARY KISSINGER MEETS

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NU SHT CHARLES ITS REVOLUTION DAY ON JULY 23 AND THE UN MANDATE IN THE SINAI EXPIRES ON JULY 24.//4

//AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED. THE RIGHTIST LIKUD BLOC HAS COME OUT STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL RETAINING THE EASTERN ENDS OF THE PASSES AND HAS URGED RABIN TO STAND FIRM. THE LIKUD BAS ALSO REVIVED ITS CALL FOR A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT.

4. UGANDA: PRESIDENT AMIN ANNOUNCED ON JULY 1 THAT HE WILL PARDON DENIS HILLS, A UK CITIZEN SCHEDULED TO BE EXECUTED ON FRIDAY. AMIN MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE DURING A HASTILY ARRANGED VISIT TO ZAIRE. THE UGANDAN LEADER SAID HE DECIDED TO PARDON HILLS FOLLOWING MEDIATION BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU. 4

IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT MOBUTU ACTUALLY SERVED AS MEDIATOR
BETWEEN AMIN AND LONDON. //AMIN PROBABLY CALCULATED THAT THE
BRITISH WERE UNLIKELY TO MAKE ANY FURTHER CONCESSIONS—HE HAD BEEN
DEMANDING THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN COME TO KAMPALA PRIOR
TO HILLS' RELEASE. //AMIN MAY HOPE THE PARDON WILL HAVE A FAVORABLE
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RELUCTANT TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S SUMMIT MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION

OF AFRICAN UNITY--SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN KAMPALA ON JULY 28--BECAUSE

OF AMIN'S ERRATIC BEHAVIOR. 4

AMIN IS ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE MOBUTU'S SUPPORT DURING THE OAU SUMMIT. AMIN PROBABLY CONCLUDED THAT DEPICTING MOBUTU AS MEDIATOR WOULD BE FLATTERING TO THE ZAIRIAN LEADER AND HELP TO ENSURE HIS SUPPORT.4

THE PRESIDENTS OF TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA--BOTH BITTER FOES OF AMIN--WANT THE VENUE OF THE SUMMIT CHANGED, BUT HAVE GOTTEN LITTLE SUPPORT FROM OTHER STATES. MOST AOU MEMBER NATIONS WILL PROBABLY SEND DELEGATIONS TO KAMPALA, ALTHOUGH SOME CHIEFS OF STATE WHO MIGHT HAVE GONE MAY STAY AWAY BECAUSE OF THEIR DISTASTE FOR AMIN. (SECRET) E-2 IMPDET.H

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